

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of producing an identification card comprising steps of:

- a) scanning an identification card having ID information thereby generating ID data representing the ID information;
- b) retrieving the ID information from the ID data; and
- c) forming an identification card print job defining an image that includes the retrieved ID information arranged in accordance with a template.

2. The method of claim 1 including d) printing the image defined by the identification card print job on a card substrate.

3. The method of claim 1 including e) writing data to the card substrate.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the image does not match the identification card.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein locations of the ID information within the image are different from locations of the ID information on the identification card.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein:  
the ID information includes textual ID  
information and a photo; and  
the image contains the photo and the textual ID  
information.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the textual ID  
information is selected from a group consisting of a  
name, a birth date, a license number, a height, a  
weight, a sex, an eye color, an issue date, an  
expiration date, a class, a signature, an address, an  
ID number, and a state.
8. The method of claim 6, wherein the photo  
contained in the image is augmented relative to the  
photo contained in the ID information of the  
identification card.
9. The method of claim 6 including d) printing the  
image defined by the identification card print job on  
a card substrate.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the image  
includes non-ID information that is not contained in  
the ID information.
11. The method of claim 10, including retrieving the  
non-ID information from the identification card.

12. The method of claim 11, including retrieving the non-ID information from an element of the identification card selected from a group consisting of a barcode of the identification card, a magnetic stripe of the identification card, a memory chip of the identification card, and a watermark of the identification card.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the non-ID information includes a security mark.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the security mark is selected from a group consisting of a date, a security code, a hologram, a barcode, and a color code.

15. The method of claim 10, wherein the non-ID information is selected from a group consisting of a date, a time, a location, a name of a card issuer, appointment information, a color code, a watermark, and a security code.

16. The method of claim 10 including a step of retrieving the non-ID information from memory.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the retrieving step b) includes identifying a card format of the identification card and extracting the ID information from the ID data based upon the card format.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the card format identifies locations of photo and textual ID information elements.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the textual ID information elements are selected from a group consisting of a name, a birth date, a license number, a height, a weight, a sex, an eye color, an issue date, an expiration date, a class, a signature, an address, an ID number, and a state.

20. The method of claim 19 including manually selecting individual textual ID information elements for insertion into the template to form the identification card print job in the forming step c).

21. The method of claim 1, wherein the scanning step a) includes optically scanning a surface of the identification card.

22. The method of claim 1, wherein the scanning step a) includes reading a barcode on a surface of the identification card.

23. The method of claim 1, wherein the scanning step a) includes reading a magnetic stripe on a surface of the identification card.

24. The method of claim 1, wherein the retrieving step b) includes identifying elements of the ID information including textual ID information elements.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the textual ID information elements are selected from a group consisting of a name, a birth date, a license number, a height, a weight, a sex, an eye color, an issue date, an expiration date, a class, a signature, an address, an ID number, and a state.

26. The method of claim 24 including a step of manually selecting individual textual ID information elements for insertion into the template to form the identification card print job in the forming step c).

27. The method of claim 1, wherein the image includes a watermark.

28. A method of producing an identification card comprising steps of:

- a) scanning an identification card having ID information including textual ID information and a photo thereby generating ID data representing the ID information;
- b) retrieving the textual ID information and the photo from the ID data; and

- c) forming an identification card print job defining an image that includes the retrieved textual ID information and the photo arranged in accordance with a template.
29. The method of claim 28 including d) printing the image defined by the identification card print job on a card substrate.
30. The method of claim 28 including e) writing data to the card substrate.
31. The method of claim 28, wherein the image does not match the identification card.
32. The method of claim 28, wherein the textual ID information is selected from a group consisting of a name, a birth date, a license number, a height, a weight, a sex, an eye color, an issue date, an expiration date, a class, a signature, an address, an ID number, and a state.
33. The method of claim 28, wherein the photo contained in the image is augmented relative to the photo contained in the ID information of the identification card.

34. The method of claim 28 including retrieving non-ID information that is not contained in the ID information on the identification card and adding the non-ID information to the image defined by the identification card print job.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the non-ID information is selected from a group consisting of a date, a time, a location, a name of a card issuer, appointment information, a color code, and a security code.

36. The method of claim 34, wherein the non-ID information is retrieved from memory.

37. The method of claim 28, wherein the retrieving step b) includes identifying a card format of the identification card and extracting the ID information from the ID data based upon the card format.

38. The method of claim 28, wherein the scanning step a) includes optically scanning a surface of the identification card.

39. The method of claim 28, wherein the scanning step a) includes reading a bar code on a surface of the identification card.

40. The method of claim 28, wherein the scanning step a) includes reading a magnetic stripe on a surface of the identification card.

41. A system for producing an identification card comprising:

- a scanner;

- a scanning application configured to control the scanner to scan an identification card having ID information and thereby generate ID data representing the ID information; and

- an ID card producing application configured to retrieve the ID information from the ID data and form an identification card print job defining an image that includes the retrieved ID information arranged in accordance with a template.

42. The system of claim 41 including an identification card printer adapted to print the image defined by the identification card print job on ink card substrates.

43. The system of claim 42, wherein the scanner is formed integral with the identification card printer.

44. The system of claim 41, wherein the scanner includes an optical scanner.



45. The system of claim 41, wherein the scanner includes a magnetic stripe reader.

46. The system of claim 41, wherein the image does not match the identification card.

47. The system of claim 41, wherein:  
the ID information includes textual ID  
information and a photo; and  
the image contains the photo and the textual ID  
information.

48. The system of claim 47, wherein the textual ID information is selected from a group consisting of a name, a birth date, a license number, a height, a weight, a sex, an eye color, an issue date, an expiration date, a class, a signature, an address, an ID number, and a state.

49. The system of claim 47, wherein the photo contained in the image is augmented relative to the photo contained in the ID information of the identification card.

50. The system of claim 47, wherein the image includes non-ID information that is not contained in the ID information on the identification card.

51. The system of claim 50, wherein the non-ID information is selected from a group consisting of a date, a time, a location, a name of a card issuer, appointment information, a color code, and a security code.

52. The system of claim 51 including memory containing the non-ID information.